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Why should we faint and fear to live alone,
Since all alone, so Heaven has willed, we die?
Nor e'en the tenderest heart, and next our own,
Knows half the reasons why we smile and sigh.
—John Keble.

SMALL FARMING GETS DEFINITE ENCOURAGEMENT

The plans announced in the Star-Bulletin today by Special Agent E. V. Wilcox of the federal experiment station for the development of small-farming in Hawaii are of the highest importance to the future of this territory.

Dr. Wilcox's intention to establish several new experiment stations and to promote the growing and marketing of vegetables and fruits ought to be given the hearty cooperation of the people of this territory. The marketing division, which was swept away by edict of the legislature just closed, has been an important factor in the starting of several produce industries, and the commercial feature of this division, that is, its function as a commission business, ought to be retained and developed. The territory can well afford to encourage farmers by carrying on for them a commission business at a small cost and thus providing for them a cheap and sure market for what they grow.

The Star-Bulletin regrets that the territory is to lose the services of Superintendent of Marketing Starrett, whose position is abolished by the recent legislative act, for Superintendent Starrett, in spite of the vicious attacks made upon him, has done a great deal of good, and this notwithstanding the rather slight support given him by the very board under whose auspices his work was carried on. However, Mr. Starrett has started many farmers in the direction of small produce industries and under Dr. Wilcox's able direction and the ample funds furnished by the legislature, the work should prosper as never before.

"FREE SUGAR"

The New York Herald takes this view of the sugar tariff situation:

"There is no other feature of the tariff situation about which so much ignorance has been displayed in congress and out of it as the sugar schedule. Nor has any other given rise to so much willful misrepresentation.

"The demand for 'free' sugar, so loudly voiced by politicians in their vote-seeking crusades, has been paraded as in the interest of the consumer, who is depicted as being robbed by wicked refiners.

"In an illuminating review of the sugar situation, published by the Herald today, Mr. Albert G. Robinson, who has made a thorough study of his subject, shows just what 'free' sugar would mean.

"To put sugar on the free list would, he shows, be of no benefit at all to the consumer. The refiner would gain rather than lose by it.

"But 'free' sugar would crush out of existence the beet sugar industry of the middle and far western states; it would absolutely destroy the cane industry of Louisiana; it would ruin the sugar-producers of Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Cuba. And with their ruin would go the American export trade to those islands.

"Free sugar would mean a \$52,000,000 annual deficit in the customs revenues, with apparently no compensatory advantages to anybody save the foreign producers."

DRINK CHIEF CAUSE OF DOMESTIC UNHAPPINESS

Drink's ravages and inevitable results are powerfully brought out in an unexpected way—through the report of the Chicago Court of Domestic Relations. This novel court is about to close its second twelvemonth, and Judge Gemmill has compiled its report for that period. During the year 3,699 cases were heard. Nearly 7,000 have been handled in the two years of the court's existence.

Following are the causes of domestic trouble as tabulated by the judge:

Liquor	42 per cent
Immorality	14 per cent
Disease	13 per cent
Ill temper	11 per cent
Wife's parents	6 per cent
Husband's parents	1 per cent
Married too young	4 per cent
Laziness	3 per cent
Miscellaneous	6 per cent

"Perhaps the best feature of the court's rec-

ord," said Judge Gemmill, "is that reconciliations have been brought about in 50 per cent of the cases of separation that came before it."

SAN FRANCISCO CALL FIGHTS FREE SUGAR

The San Francisco Call is added to the list of newspapers fighting against free sugar. Editorially the Call says:

Consummation of the Democratic free sugar scheme will work tremendous injury to California.

California's danger may be appreciated from a consideration of what the Democratic tariff program means to the beet sugar industry alone.

California produces approximately a fourth of the beet sugar produced in the United States. The American beet sugar production is slightly greater than the cane sugar production. It represents about a sixth of the sugar consumed in the United States.

The sugar beet acreage of this state is in excess of 100,000 acres. The development of the beet sugar industry in California has resulted in the erection of ten large refineries. It has increased the average price of the lands affected from \$25 and \$30 an acre to from \$75 to \$250 an acre.

The industry, in its present state of development, is distributing approximately \$6,000,000 a year to the farmers in the beet sugar districts.

It has made the average acre crop value about \$60 a year. This average is, of course, struck from the gross. In several of the districts the manufacturers are paying the farmers an average net ground rent of about \$20 an acre.

The Democratic program for an immediate reduction of 25 per cent and free sugar after three years involves an immediate loss of about \$1,100,000 a year to the California beet sugar industry.

It means an ultimate loss, without reference to any development loss, of approximately \$4,500,000 a year to the industry in this state.

If the industry could survive this loss, and the sugar experts are agreed that it could not, the major loss inevitably would fall upon the producer.

Considered in average terms, the immediate cut proposed by the Democratic administration means a reduction of more than \$6.50 a year in the California acre crop value.

It means, at the end of the third year, a reduction of nearly \$27 in the California average annual acre crop value.

It means a corresponding loss to labor and to capital. It may not mean the destruction of the beet sugar industry in California. It will mean an arrest of the development of that industry. It will mean serious loss, loss that will be felt in the long run by every wage-earner, every producer.

California wants no free sugar.

In the advertising columns of today's paper will be found the official publication of the new direct primary law passed as Act 151 by the last legislature. The act should be studied carefully by every citizen for it will be operative at the next election. Hawaii has been calling, through its party organizations, for many years for the enactment of a direct primary measure and after repeated abortive efforts, the legislature has finally responded to the call.

The importance that the new administration puts upon island governorships is evidenced by the intention of President Wilson to make the post of governor-general of the Philippines the most responsible diplomatic position of the United States and to give the governor-general authority over all diplomats in Asia, including the ambassadors to China and Japan.

Keep up the letter-writing campaign for the protection of sugar. You can never tell when some message will strike home and help secure the assistance of a senator. The Democratic majority in the upper house is so small that the addition of one vote to the protection forces may mean the difference between victory and defeat.

Phares W. Rider, whose sudden death occurred last night, was a staunch and militant Christian. He had a stout heart and a valiant arm, and his energy, ability and strong spirit of love for his fellow-men have been a mighty force for good in the purlieus and by-districts of this city.

Czar Nicholas has played a daring game but appears to have lost. The resignation of his cabinet is probably a repudiation of his policy in holding to Scutari in defiance of the Powers.

The debate on the tariff in the house is largely perfunctory, since no one expects the vote even to be close. The house will doubtless pass the Underwood measure by a large majority.

Dollar diplomacy as national currency shows signs of shrinkage.

The open season for governors is still on.

The dark horse sometimes fails to start.

FIRE CLAIMS ISSUE WEDDING BELLS IN IS COMPLETELY WAKE OF OCEAN VOYAGE

The territory paid off \$28,000 of bonds last Thursday, May 1, making a total of \$110,000 of territorial bonds paid off during the present fiscal year and incidentally wiping out the balance of the old so-called "fire claims" issue, sold in 1903.

That, said Governor Frear in discussing the subject today, was the first issue of the territory of Hawaii. Bonds to the amount of \$315,000 were sold in that year, intended mainly for the payment of claims created in 1900 when a large portion of the city was destroyed by a conflagration started to check the plague epidemic.

When the territory was established, the United States assumed \$4,000 of the indebtedness left by the old Republic, leaving \$973,000 to be paid by the territory. Of the latter amount, \$600,000 was re-funded by the territory by the issuance of new bonds. This still left \$373,000 of the debt of the old Republic to be paid off. That debt has been cleared away and now, with the \$28,000 payment of last Thursday its own first issue of \$315,000 also has been "deleted."

The old Republican bonds bore 5 per cent interest, but the territory obtained a reduction of one per cent and the \$315,000 was drawing only four. About \$33,000 of the old Republic's debt remained when Governor Frear took office, but that was paid off several years ago.

The loan appropriation bill passed by the recent legislature and signed by the governor provides for an increase of \$861,730.99 in the public debt of the territory; this is against the increase of more than \$3,000,000 provided for by the legislature of two years ago.

The new loan bill carries a total of \$4,658,970.99, the difference being the figure representing the funds already at hand for public improvements. The governor explains that the territory will really get more improvements than the new bond issue apparently provides, as a careful review of the bill revealed the fact that many items were unnecessary or could be eliminated entirely or cut materially, while other and more important projects received the benefit of larger appropriations.

Governor Frear will be busy during the next few days on the apportionment of appropriations to the various departments.

BRUTE GIVEN TERM OF LABOR

Amello Prudente, a Filipino accused of criminal assault on a seven-year-old girl at Waipahu last January, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of indecent assault in Circuit Judge Robinson's court this morning and was sentenced to not less than two years and six months' imprisonment and hard labor.

He was originally accused of a far more serious crime but the jury, after three hours' deliberation, reported at noon today that it could not agree. The plea of guilty to the lesser charge was then entered, with the consent of Deputy City and County Attorney A. M. Brown, who conducted the prosecution. The prosecution lost its most important testimony yesterday morning when the court ruled that the story of the little girl would be unreliable. This was only after she had shown, by her answers to a number of queries, that she did not understand the nature of the proceeding in court and had only a vague idea of what they wanted her to talk about.

CHINAMAN KILLED WHEN HIT BY AUTO

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] HILO, Hawaii, May 5.—A five-seated automobile owned and driven by Jose de Costa, struck a Chinaman by the name of Lau Wong, a plantation laborer, near Pepekeo Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death a few hours afterward. Costa, with a party of friends, was coming toward Hilo when he saw a man walking in the same direction ahead of him on the right and same side of the road. He swerved slightly to one side to pass the Chinaman when the latter suddenly started to cross the road directly in front of the machine.

The automobile hit the man, causing a fracture of the skull. Costa stopped his car and took the injured

When the Oceanic liner Ventura arrived in San Francisco from Australia on April 25, there were at least two persons on board who had figured in a romance which was born on the high seas and which culminated in a marriage. H. E. Williams, the wireless operator of the vessel, and Miss Pearl Dobson, who was a member of the Atkinson Wild West show which was stranded in the Antipodes, the one watching over his key, and the other a passenger in the cabin, held the center of the stage on which was settled another trans-Pacific romance.

On the last voyage of the Ventura to the Colonies, Miss Dobson was a passenger along with the other members of the Wild West Company of which she was a member. While en route, Williams, patiently tapping his key, established a new record for sending a radio message 2700 miles across the equator. The feat caused considerable talk on board the ship, and the interest which Miss Dobson took in the wireless equipment was the cause of a love match springing up. During the rest of the trip the two were constantly together. At Sydney, Miss Dobson continued on a tour with the company while Williams returned home with the promise that she would be his wife as soon as the engagement was over.

The stranding in Australia of the

POLICE UNRAVEL MURDER MYSTERY

In positively establishing the identity of the little automatic revolver, now in possession of the police department, Chief of Detectives Arthur McDuffie feels confident that he has succeeded in welding another and powerful link in the chain of evidence that leads to fixing the responsibility of the double murder, committed at Kahaula store near Fort Shafter last week, when the Chinese proprietor, Lim Ah Kam and his young wife, fell victims to the assassin's knife.

In the detention of Domingo Rodriguez, the officers believe that they have a man who may yet prove to have been deeply implicated in the tragedy.

Yesterday afternoon Chief McDuffie visited the tent occupied by Domingo and several other Filipinos connected with the mess department at Fort Shafter. Buried in the ground was found the revolver, which but a short time later was positively identified as that which but a few days ago belonged to Lim Ah Kam, the murdered Chinese.

The officers called at the municipal tax office where the license granted to the Chinese was shown, and the number registered tallied exactly with that found on the gun. It is now generally conceded that up to the night of the murder, the gun was in the possession of the Chinese. The following morning McDuffie noted the presence of the empty holster dangling near the foot of the bed that had been occupied by the Chinese couple.

Other evidence, including an assortment of bloodstained clothing, has been gathered by Chief McDuffie. He is now at work on the attempt to discover the hiding place of the money and some other articles of value that were removed from the store premises on the night of the murder.

Two Filipinos at Fort Shafter identified the gun now in the possession of the officers as the weapon displayed to them by Rodriguez the day following the tragedy.

PERSONALITIES

MISS SARAH FEATHERSTONE has gone to make her home at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

HEALTH INSPECTOR D. S. BOWMAN, of Hilo arrived in Honolulu this morning. He is here to discuss plans for health work on the Big Island during the next two years, with Dr. Pratt and the governor.

Prince Albert of Monaco, a famous yachtsman and fish expert, is planning to visit Honolulu in August or September, with a party of friends, on his yacht, to inspect the aquarium.

man to the Pepekeo Hospital nearby. About 7 o'clock the man died.

Shortly after the accident Costa reported the matter to the police by telephone and later visited the station in stopped his car and took the injured

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

CHARLIE HOPKINS — The finish of sugar tariff legislation must certainly be awaited with more or less trepidation. It may mean the abandonment of automobiles and other necessities of our simple life.

C. E. WARN — The person who gave out the story of the fishing expedition last Saturday, of which I was a member, must have been slightly in error. I was in no more danger than any other members of the party and was perfectly able to swim at all times. In fact, I hold a record of four hours and thirty minutes for swimming across the Golden Gate.

With more than sixty students enrolled in the four classes, the summer term of the night school classes at the Young Men's Christian Association begins this evening. The enrollment this year is nearly double that of 1912, and it is expected that the number will be increased to 100 within the next two weeks.

STAR-BULLETIN GIVES YOU TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

PAPER COMPANY CHANGES NAME

Expanding in business and with plans for future growth, the American-Hawaiian Paper & Supply Company has filed with the territorial treasurer articles showing a change in name and securing permission to increase the capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The change in name is a simple one, the company merely dropping the "and Supply" from its title. There is no change in the personnel of the stockholders, or in the management or policy, the change in name being an incident in growing business.

Tribute to Rider.

The office of the city and county attorney is sending a big floral piece to the funeral of the late Phares W. Rider today. The Rev. Mr. Rider had done much work in co-operation with the office and was well liked by the officers of the law.

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